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April 26, 1979

Mr. Walter McCormick  
Assistant to the General Manager  
Magnesium Division  
N.L. Industries, Inc.  
238 North 2200 West  
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Re: Rowley Magnesium Plant  
N.L. Industries, Inc.  
Tooele County, Utah  
ACT/045/008

Dear Walter:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to show us around N.L. Industries' properties, it was greatly appreciated.

The Division staff has reviewed the plans of the Magnesium operation and finds that only the maps which you showed us on the 20th of April are lacking.

As to the <sup>D</sup>olitic sands placer operation, the Division would like a commitment to the following:

1. Stockpiling of the vegetated overburden that is stripped prior to the mining of the colites.
2. Use of the stockpiled material to act as a surface cover for the refilled pit.
3. Revegetate the recovered pit area by reseeding with the seed mixture listed in N.L. Industries' Mining and Reclamation Plan the following fall to facilitate establishing a good vegetative cover.

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Upon the Division receiving the maps and commitments previously requested, the Division staff will go before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining at its May meeting to seek concurrence on granting tentative approval for N.L. Industries' Mining and Reclamation Plan. This will be followed by publishing a condensed version of the plan in a local newspaper and one in a Salt Lake City newspaper. After a period of 30 days for public comment, if no adverse comment is made, the Division will be able to issue Final Approval.

From the maps and plans which N.L. Industries has and will submit, the Division will estimate the amount of surety to cover reclamation of the facilities. From our understanding, the Division of State Lands does not hold a bond on the state lease, and the Bureau of Land Management has its own arrangement for the Federal lands. This being the case, the area that the surety would include would be the plant site and the claims of the colitic sands operation.

There are several types of surety that the Division is using. These are a bond, an escrow account, and a contract. The Division would be interested in knowing what type of surety N.L. Industries would be interested in.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this Division.

Sincerely,



THOMAS J. SUCHOSKI  
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

TJS/sp

cc: John Blake, Division of State Lands

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